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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN PURCHASE OF USDAO AIRCRAFT:
OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES

REF: BLANTYRE 1066 (NOT SENT LUSAKA)

FOR AMB WILKOWSKI FROM AMB BOWDLER

1. YOU WILL BY NOW HAVE SEEN A REQUEST FROM USDAO PRETORIA FOR A CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF THE CLIMATE IN ZAMBIA AS REGARDS GRANTING OF OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES FOR THE US AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO DAO PRETORIA. CHIEF MAAG IN ADDIS ABABA IS FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF ARRANGING TRANSFER OF THIS C-47 AIRCRAFT FROM PRETORIA TO THE ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE UNDER CURRENT USG MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2. SINCE THIS INVOLVES US ASSISTANCE TO A FELLOW OAU MEMBER, GOZ MIGHT GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. WE DESIRE GOZ OVER-FLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES ALLOWING TRANSIT TO TURNOVER AT BLANTYRE, MALAWI, TO ETHIOPIAN CREW. ALTERNATIVELY, TURNOVER COULD TAKE PLACE IN ZAMBIA. WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE ON THIS MATTER.

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EM OF SOMEWHAT GREATER IMPORTANCE IS THE EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN

LATE DECEMBER OF A BEEHCRAFT KING AIR AIRCRAFT WHICH IS TO BE ASSIGNED DAO PRETORIA. THIS AIRCRAFT IS TO BE FLOWN FROM US TO PRETORIA VIA THE NORTH ATLANTIC, EUROPE AND THE LENGTH OF AFRICA. AT PRESENT PLANS CANNOT BE COMPLETED ON THE ROUTING FROM KINSHASA. THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA MAY WELL PRECLUDE LANDING/OVERFLIGHT. OVERFLIGHT OF ZAMBIA APPEARS TO BE AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR THE FLIGHT TO BE COMPLETED. THE FLIGHT OF THIS AIRCRAFT CAN BE DESCRIBED AS TERMINATING IN GABORONE INFOFAR AS OVERFLIGHT OF ZAMBIA IS CONCERNED.

4. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHETHER YOU THINK YOU COULD HELP US WORK OUT A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.

5. FOR BLANTYRE: INFO YOU HAVE FROM MALAWI MINEXTAFF (REFTEL) ESSENTIALLY CORRECT BUT ASSOCIATED OVERFLIGHT PROBLEMS MUST BE WORKED OUT BEFORE WE CAN SUPPLY DETAILED DATA. NOTE: C-47 IS TWO-ENGINE DC-3, KNOWN IN AFRICA AS A DAKOTA.
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